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E. Alan Bates et al.  
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For ASSAYING DEVICE ....

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## AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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## Message:

In reply to the action mailed 02/22/00, please amend this application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Add claims 42-44 as follows:

42. An assaying device for depositing and analyzing a sample, comprising:

I. a cartridge/cassette having a broad, lateral face (1a), a narrow, lateral face (1b),  
and a narrow end face (1c);

A. the cartridge/cassette containing a test strip, a window in the broad, lateral